Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—The answer to (2) is 'it is a matter of opinion'. Whether they are identical or not is a matter of opinion.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—(5). Is it because Government do not know or are not willing to say ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Government do not know.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to inquire whether it is a fact ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Government inquired about it but could not find out. We tried to understand the question but could not understand what it meant.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—The question was answered before it was clear ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Government did not understand exactly what the Member meant by that question.

President.—The proper answer is 'the question is not intelligible.'

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We understood it in some manner. (*Laughter.*)

President.—I should have disallowed that question being hypothetical. It has escaped my notice.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—I am glad.

Article in the Mahathi regarding the Mala Hospital.

253. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have perused the article by "ന്ിത ജനൻ" under the heading "ആസ്ുത്രിയിലെ അനാഥതമ" in the Mahathi on 29th Vrischigam 1105;

(2) if so, whether it is a fact that the old woman was given the treatment complained of;

(3) whether there is any truth in the statement made therein regarding the conduct of treating patients ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(1) Yes.

(2) The matter is being enquired into.

(3) No answer is necessary in view of the answer given above.

Sale of timber to Mr. V. K. Ammunni Menon.

254. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table of the House the copy of the

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agreement with Mr. V. K. Ammunni Menon for the sale of timber referred to in question No. 95 of the Legislative Session of 1105, and what were the dates on which the timber was delivered to him, and how much timber was delivered on each occasion;

(2) why did the Conservator reduce the price from Rs. 35 to Rs. 17, and when was the Diwan's sanction obtained for the same?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(1) No agreement was taken for the sale of the timber referred to. For the latter part of the question the Member is referred to the answer to the same question No. 95 of the last Legislative Session.

(2) No timber was sold at Rs. 35 per candy and afterwards reduced to Rs. 17. The latter part of the question does not arise.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know what was the price of the timber sold to Mr. V. K. Ammunni Menon?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Rupees 34 per candy.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Did he agree to purchase any definite quantity of timber?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—He did not agree to purchase.

Transport of timber without passes.

255. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table of the House a copy of the explanation of the subordinates who allowed the transport of Mr. Mugaseth's timber without passes referred to in the answer to question No. 202 (d) of the Budget Session of 1104?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—A copy of the explanation of the subordinate is placed on the Council Table.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Is transport of timber without passes allowed by *the Forest Coae*?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—No.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know, then, why the Conservator gave personal instructions to transport timber without passes?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—The Forester's explanation is placed on the Table.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—The explanation is the Conservator gave personal instructions to violate the provisions of *the Code*. May I know why there was this violation in this particular case?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—On account of the exigencies of the time.

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